Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 18 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 19 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 18 Dec 2020 at 03:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general weather, becoming Low from Monday. Medium in cloud amounts.

Headline for Friday 18 Dec 2020: Cloudy with rain. Gales over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 18 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	60%	70%	30%	20%

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Weather: Mainly dry with some clearer spells overnight. Any early brightness will soon fade, mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain and drizzle. The rain heavy and persistent at times, particularly in the afternoon. Turning drier by evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 20%, extensive cloud, base 600 to 800m, patches to 300m at times through the Arrochar Alps and Trossachs.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and drizzle and very poor at height.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/39 S	43/52 S	57/71 S	45/58 S	36/47 S	32/41 S	33/43 S
900	22/28 S	28/37 S	37/51 S	31/44 S	26/36 S	24/32 S	24/33 S
600	30/36 S	33/40 S	48/61 S	37/48 S	31/40 S	27/35 S	29/37 S
300	13/21 S	18/28 SE	27/40 SE	20/32 S	15/26 S	14/23 S	15/25 S
Glen	11/24 S	6/18 SE	17/37 SE	15/32 S	11/25 S	9/21 S	10/23 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	2/-6	1/-7	2/-7	3/-5	1/-6	1/-7	-0/-8
900	4/-2	3/-4	4/-2	5/-1	4/-2	3/-3	2/-4
600	6/1	8/2	7/1	8/2	6/1	6/1	6/0
300	8/5	8/5	9/4	10/6	8/5	8/4	7/4
Glen	10/8	9/8	11/8	11/8	10/8	9/7	9/6
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1800m	1800m	1400m	1300m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Navigational difficulties expected at height due to extensive low cloud. Buffeting in gale force winds.

Forecast for Saturday 19 Dec 2020
Weather: Rather cloudy with bright spells and showers, the showers falling as snow over the summits. The showers continuing through the evening with snow over the summits.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 20 to 30mph gusting 40mph with a significant wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, extensive cloud, base 600 to 900m

Visibility: Mostly very good, but moderate in showers and poor or very poor at times over the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Around 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 1000m.

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